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Amendment to the Specification

In the title, on page 1, lines 2-3, and page 28, lines 2-3, replace the title with the following:

**METHOD FOR REPORTING PERSONAL STATUS OF A MOBILE COMMUNICATION
DEVICE USER AND DEVICE THEREFOR**

On page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 to line 18 with the following:

Once the mobile communication device has determined an event has occurred corresponding to an event defined by one or more event descriptors, the mobile communication device may automatically transmit a status response message, or it may prompt the user of the mobile communication device before transmitting the status response message. The status response message may be sent directly from the mobile communication device to the preselected party, or alternatively the mobile communication device may request the communication system send a message according to a predefined event response profile stored on a database 125 of the communication system. In the latter case the user of the mobile communication device has access to the database under an agreement with the communication system operator so the user can configure the event response profile. The status response message can take a variety of forms, such as, for example, a phone call for transmitting a brief announcement, a text message sent via a short message service (SMS) transmission, an email message, and so on. Therefore, once the mobile communication device has determined an event has occurred, and it commences responding, the response may be delivered by a mobile telephony or mobile data channel 124, a standard landline telephony line 126, or a data network 128.

Starting on page 12, please replace the paragraph starting at line 14 with the following:

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Thus the invention provides for a method of reporting the status of the user of a mobile communication device. The method includes the user providing at least one event descriptor to the mobile communication device. The event descriptor defines an event and may include criteria such as geographic location parameters, status inquiry parameters, time of day, and other conditions the mobile communication device may experience. The method commences by detecting the occurrence of the event as defined by the event descriptor. In one embodiment of the invention, once the event is detected, the mobile communication device commences transmitting a status message to a preselected party. In one embodiment of the invention the method additionally comprises alerting the user of the mobile communication device of the occurrence of the event in response to detecting the occurrence of the event, after which or during which the mobile communication device commences prompting the user of the mobile communication device for an input from the user. The mobile communication device then monitors the user interface and commences receiving the input from the user before transmitting the status message. Prompting the user may be performed by the use of a visual indicator, such as illuminating a status response button on the mobile communication device. The prompting may include an auditory alert, or a tactile alert such as that created by operation of a mechanical vibrator. In one embodiment of the invention the method comprises authenticating the user, such as by identifying a fingerprint of the user, receiving a password entry from the user, or performing voice recognition on a speech segment spoken by the user in response to the prompting. Receiving the input from the user may comprise detecting an actuation of a status response button. In detecting the occurrence of the event, the mobile communication device, in one embodiment of the invention, commence detecting a present geographic location of the

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mobile communication device. The geographic location may be determined in several ways, including using a satellite positioning subsystem of the mobile communication device, or receiving location information from a base station providing communication service to the mobile communication device, for example. Another example of an event is receiving a message at the mobile communication device, such as a status inquiry message. In one embodiment of the invention the mobile communication device may also receive a local wireless message from a source other than a mobile communication system, such as by an infrared communication source or a wireless local area network source.